

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Hon. Colin LaVie, Speaker

Meeting Minutes – Meeting 2021-5

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Legislative Chamber, Coles Building

Members Present:

Hon. Colin LaVie, Chair
Hal Perry, MLA
Michele Beaton, MLA
Peter Bevan-Baker, MLA
Sonny Gallant, MLA
Sidney MacEwen, MLA
Cory Deagle for Minister Steven Myers

Staff Present:

Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk

Minutes

1. The Speaker called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. The Agenda was adopted and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved (March 25, 2021)
3. The committee approved the following draft bills for introduction in the Legislative Assembly:
 1. An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act
 2. An Act to Amend the Audit Act
 3. Ombudsperson Act
 4. An Act to Amend the Election Act (with deletion of change to Writ and nomination periods)
 5. An Act to Amend the Public Interest Disclosure and Whistleblower Act
4. The committee considered and approved a draft report concerning Bill 108 – Environmental Bill of Rights
5. The Committee considered a letter from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Hon. James Aylward, regarding the internet allowance for members as provided for in the 2020 report of the Indemnities and Allowances Commission. In the letter, Minister Aylward requests that the Legislative Assembly pay for the internet allowance for ministers in the future and retroactively. The committee was informed that the request is contrary to a practice of government departments taking over salary and allowances for members when they become ministers. The Committee has asked the Clerk to clarify policy on expense responsibility and to seek clarity from the Indemnities and Allowances report from 2020.
6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.